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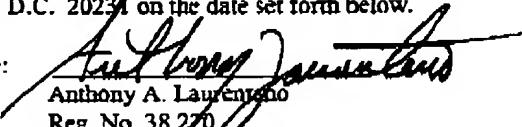
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in the above-cited application. Please correct the title of the application from "Hearing-Aid Worn Behind the Ear, Comprising a Face Plate" to **-BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AID WITH FRONT PLATE-**. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 22, 2002 with the above-referenced application is enclosed in support of this correction.

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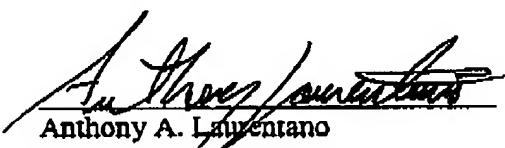
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Please contact the undersigned at 617-227-7400 with any questions.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the enclosed above-titled International patent application as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, change the title to "BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AID WITH FRONT PLATE".

Page 1, line 2, after the title, insert the following "Background of the Invention".

Page 1, lines 3-4, please delete "according to the preamble of Claim 1".

Page 1, lines 15-16, please delete the phrase "according to the species".

Page 1, line 17, insert the following title: "Summary of the Invention".

Page 1, lines 18-19, please delete this paragraph.

Page 3, line 1, insert the following title: "Brief Description of the Drawings".

Page 3, line 10, please insert the following title: "Description of Illustrated Embodiment".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A behind the ear hearing aid, comprising a housing having a housing shell, an electronic circuit, a power storage unit, and a multi-function plate designed as a front plate and adapted to couple to the housing shell, wherein the multifunction plate includes an access opening for one of the power storage unit and the electronic circuit.

2. (Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the multifunction plate is adapted for use in an in-ear hearing aid and is constructed to match a contour of the housing shell.

3. (Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the front plate is matched to the contour of the housing shell in standard production.

4. (Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing shell and the front plate are joined in a detachable manner.

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5. (Amended) A front plate intended for use in an in-ear hearing aid in a behind-the-ear hearing aid, the front plate being modified such that said front plate matches a contour of a housing of the behind-the-ear hearing aid.

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REMARKS

Applicants amend the specification to address minor formal matters, such as introducing appropriate section headers. Applicants also amend the claims to remove multiple dependencies, to provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter and are not related to issues of patentability.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

In the Specification

Page 1, line 1, change the title as follows:

BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AID WITH FRONT PLATE
HEARING AID
WORN BEHIND THE EAR, COMPRISING A FACE PLATE

Page 1, lines 3-4:

The invention relates to a hearing aid ~~according to the preamble of Claim 1.~~

Page 1, lines 15-16:

The goal of the invention is to improve a hearing aid ~~according to the species so~~
as to render it simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

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Please amend claims 1-5 as follows.

1. A behind the ear hearing aid, comprising a housing having a housing shell, an electronic circuit, and a power storage unit, ~~characterized in that the hearing aid (6) is constructed from a housing shell (1) and a multi-function plate designed as a front plate (4) and adapted to couple to the housing shell (1), in which wherein the multifunction plate includes the circuit or an access opening for one of the power storage unit and the electronic circuit is provided.~~
2. The hearing aid according to claim 1, ~~characterized by a commercially available mass-produced front plate (4) which is provided wherein the multifunction plate is~~

adapted for use in an in-ear hearing aid and which is modified constructed so as to match the a contour of the housing shell (1).

3. The hearing aid according to claim 1, characterized in that the multifunction plate is formed of a wherein the front plate (4) which is matched to the contour of the housing shell (1) in standard production.

4. The hearing aid according to one of claims 1 through 3 claim 1, characterized in that wherein the housing shell (1) and the front plate (4) are joined in a detachable manner.

5. Use of a commercially available A front plate (4) intended for use in an in-ear hearing aid in a behind-the-ear hearing aid, the front plate (4) being modified such that said front plate matches the a contour of the a housing of the behind-the-ear hearing aid.

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